

Latex Paint Disposal

As of December 11, 2017 there is no longer a site in Jefferson County for recycling latex paint.

The Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee/Air Quality Committee will continue to take oil based paints and stains at our Clean Sweep Events. Please see our website for scheduled dates and times: www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep.

Latex paint is not harmful to the environment; therefore, it can be dried out and placed in your garbage container. However, the paint cans can still be recycled. In order to properly dispose of the liquid latex paint, follow these steps:

- 1. Line a pail/box or tub with trash bag liners and place 6-8 inches of oil dry or kitty-liter in the bottom of the container.
- 2. Pour the latex paint on top and mix it all together. Wipe out the paint can with old rags or paper toweling and toss the rags/paper in with the paint.
- **3.** Place the empty clean paint cans in your recycling bin. The paint cans do not have to be spotless, but there cannot be paint hanging on the sides or on the bottom.

Empty aerosol paint cans can also be recycled, but the plastic nasal and cover should be removed before the paint can is disposed of. If an aerosol can still has paint inside of it, those can be brought to a Clean Sweep event for proper disposal.

For any questions or concerns, please contact a Clean Sweep staff member at (920) 674-7430 or sharoneh@jeffersoncountywi.gov.